

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant** : TOMBS, Michael et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2005, kindly amend the subject application as follows.

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